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question.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, I...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I have not heard you allege, but that doesn't mean you didn't. I could have missed it. Are you suggesting that the Legislature cannot constitutionally do what Senator Bromm's amendment would propose?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I have not alleged the Legislature cannot constitutionally do it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I have allege...I have stated that it is at issue in ongoing litigation and...well, I don't want to take too much of your time. I'll turn on my own light.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But the main thing is that there may not be a lengthy...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...constitutional debate. It will be a policy question. The determination I think is going to be based on how desperate people may feel about that judgment, and if it stays in place how much the total interest will be. However, the possibility of some kind of settlement must be taken into consideration too. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I do support what Senator Bromm is doing and did give my okay to do it. LB 692, that I originally introduced, would have extended the life of the Biopower Steering Committee. Through